Neighborhood News June/July 2004

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. Call Don Newton at **924-3906** if you have questions. **48-Hour Rule of the EPC:** All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the 3rd Thursday of each month. As with the Public Hearing, the public is invited to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at 4 p.m. in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at 924-3860 to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday**, **June 23**, **2004** at **1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday**, **July 15**, **2004** at **8:30 a.m.** in the Hearing Room for the following cases:

Citywide

All neighborhoods; 04EPC-00848, Project # 1001620; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, requests an EPC recommendation of approval to the City Council for text amendments to the City Zoning Code that support walking. The amendments define "garage" and "porch"; allow shallow front yards in the R-1, R-LT, R-T, R-G, and R-2 zones if garages are no more than 60% of the front yard, but are at least 25 feet long; and allow both shallow front yards and smaller total lot area in the R-1, R-LT and R-T zones if vehicle access is only from an alley. The full text of this requested amendment can be found on the city's website at <www.cabq.gov/planning/index.html>. Paula Donahue at 924-3932.

Northeast

Loma Del Rey (neighborhood association); 04EPC-858, Project # 1000300 (case #'s); Approximately 1 acre located on the south side of Montgomery NE, east of General Channault NE; (location of request); G-20 (zone atlas page #); Arthur Nave at 901-495-8726, agent for Auto Zone Inc. (applicant or agency and phone #) Requests an approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit on land zoned SU-1 for C-1 and O-1 (action requested); Eric Morgan at 924-3935. (city staff planner).

Alameda North Valley; 04EPC-00859, Project # 1001150; Approximately 31 acres located on Los Lomitas Drive NE, between El Pueblo Road NE and Osuna Road NE; D-16; Mark Goodwin and Associates at **828-2200**, agent for Vista Del Norte LLC; Requests approval of a Site Development Plan for Subdivision Purposes on land zoned SU-1 for IP; Elvira Lopez at **924-3910**.

Boyds-Leslie Park, Del Norte, Montgomery Park, Mont Lou Com Pedro; 04EPC-00861& 00862, Project # 1003480; Approximately 1 acre located on the northwest corner of Montgomery NE and San Pedro NE, F-18; Briscoe Architects at 262-0193, agent for Rich Ford Sales; Requests a Zone Map amendment from C-I to SU-1 for C-1 uses with Auto Sales plus approval of Site Development Plans for Subdivision Purposes; Carmen Marrone at 924-3814.

Northwest

The Paloma Del Sol, Horizon Hills; 04EPC-00849 & 00850, Project # 1001043; Approximately 17 acres located on the north side of McMahon NW, east and west of Bandelier NW; A-12; Bohannan-Huston at 823-1000, agent for Bandelier Properties; Requests approvals of Site Development Plans for Subdivision Purposes and for Building Permit on land zoned SU-1 for O-1, C-1, and R-2 (4-plex Units); Debbie Stover at 924-3940.

West Bluff; 04EPC-00851 & 00852, Project # 1002405; Approximately 2 acres located at the southwest corner of Coors Blvd. NW and Redlands NW, G-11; George Rainhart at 884-9110, agent for Triple JC LLC; Requests approval of Site Development Plans for Subdivision Purposes and for Building Permit on land zoned SU-1 for C-1 Uses & Auto Body Repair and Painting; Carmen Marrone at 924-3814.

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Avalon; 04EPC-00854, Project # 1003478; Approximately 13 acres located on the west side of 90th Street NW, between Los Volcanes NW and Bluewater NW; K-9; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for Charles Haeglin, Curb Inc; Requests a Zone Map amendment from SU-1 IP to R-LT; Elvira Lopez at **924-3910**.

Near North Valley, Sawmill Area, Wells Park; 04EPC-00856, project # 1003479; Approximately 2 acres located at the southeast corner of Indian School Road NW and 12th Street NW, H-13; David Campbell at 884-8444, agent for Sterling Capital Investment; Requests a Zone Map amendment from R-1 to C-1; Eric Morgan at 924-3935.

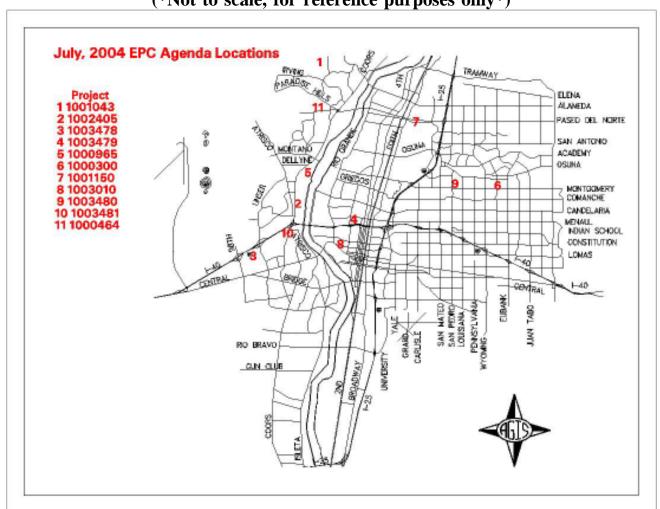
Taylor Ranch, La Luz Landowners, La Luz Del Sol; 04EPC-00855, 00857, Project #1000965; Approximately 228 acres located on the east side of Coors NW, between Montano Road NW and Namaste NW; F-11; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for ASW Realty Partners; Requests approvals of Site Development Plans for Subdivision Purposes and for Building Permit on land zoned SU-1 for PRD, C-2 and O-1; Juanita Vigil at **924-3349**.

Los Volcanes; 04EPC-00868, Project # 1003481; Approximately 15 acres located on the east side of 68th Street NW, between Hanover NW and Glenrio NW; J-10; John Klee at 379-7511, agent for D-T Development; Requests a Zone Map amendment from R-2 and C-1 to R-LT; Stephanie Shumsky at 924-3933.

Southwest

Downtown, Huning Castle, Plaza Vieja, West Park; 04EPC-00860, Project #1003010; Approximately 2 acres located on the south side of Central SW, east of San Pasquale SW; J-13; Dekker/Perich/Sabatini at **761-9700**, agent for TS McNaney; Requests approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit on land zoned SU-2 for CLD; Makita Hill at **924-3879**.

EPC Case Reference Map (*Not to scale, for reference purposes only*)



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



Albuquerque Human Rights Board Honors Neil Isbin Scholarship Recipient

Jenaya Hakeem, a senior at St. Pius X High School, was selected by the Albuquerque Human Rights Board to receive the 2004 Neil Isbin Scholarship Award. Neil Isbin, a long time human rights activist, fought tirelessly for equality and justice. The \$1,000 award was presented to Hakeem in recognition of her leadership and accomplishments in the area of human rights.



Jenava Hakeem

Hakeem is devoted to helping individuals of diverse backgrounds to improve the quality of their lives. She has worked diligently on several fundraising projects to help those less fortunate than herself and has volunteered at UNM Hospital, the Crop Walk for Hunger and Born to Run. She worked with the student council to raise money for a home for children without families called Ranchitos De Los Niños in Los Lunas, NM. A project that required her strong leadership skills and persistence was getting her entire school to participate in raising almost \$7,000 for Sol Gutiérrez, a three-year old from Ecuador, who has scoliosis and required life-saving surgery.

Hakeem, who is described by the Dean of Students at her school as a "dedicated, selfless young lady," stated that during her four years at St. Pius she learned the importance of human rights issues and to reach out to those less fortunate than herself. She excels in academics and has been successful in making a difference in her community and furthering the cause of human rights and human dignity.

Hakeem is the daughter of Bob and Javnie Hakeem.

The Neil Isbin Scholarship trust fund was established in 1996 by Neil Isbin's parents, Herb and Kathie Isbin.

Albuquerque Fire **Department**



Fireworks Safety 2004

The Albuquerque Fire Deprtment encourages the public to attend professional fireworks displays this 4th of July holiday in light of the dry

conditions in the area. Every year permissible and non-permissible fireworks cause over \$15 million in property damage throughout the United States. Fireworks have been one of the leading causes of injuries serious enough to require hospital emergency room treatment. The facts show that public fireworks displays account for a very small share of the fireworks injuries.

Permissible fireworks are any device that does not have a sound louder than a cap gun, propel more that 10' into the air, or move on the ground more than 6'. When using legal fireworks adhere to the following precautions.

- •Follow the printed instructions
- •Light fireworks one at a time
- •Use outdoors and in a clear area on asphalt or concrete
- •Have water available
- •Don't allow young children to handle the fireworks

During the 4th of July celebrations this year the Albuquerque Fire Marshal's Office, Albuquerque Police Department and Fire Department units will have saturated patrols throughout the city enforcing the use and possession of non-

permissible (ILLEGAL) fireworks. Citizens caught with non-permissible fireworks face a \$300 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail for each offense and will have their fireworks confiscated.

Cultural Services

Ernie Pyle Library Rededicated

Indiana native Ernie Pyle attended the University of Indiana and launched his career in journalism in 1923. In 1935, Mr. Pyle became a roving reporter for the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

After criss-crossing the United States, in 1940 Ernie and his wife Jerry Siebolds Pyle decided to build a home in Albuquerque. Then came World War II. Ernie lived in the house only while he was on vacation from the war. He went to the European front in December 1940 and soon his columns were published in the Stars and Stripes. In 1943, he published Here is Your War: The Story of G.I. Joe. In 1944, Ernie Pyle received the Raymond Clapper Memorial Award for distinguished was correspondence as well as the Pulitzer Prize for reporting.

Given to the City of Albuquerque by the Pyle estate, the house became the first branch of the public library system on March 11, 1948. The library houses 17,000 books and checks out more than 48,000 items per year. The library was recently given a face lift and a Victory Garden was planted during the rededication ceremony held on Wednesday, June 2, 2004. Albuquerque's own Tony Hillerman was on hand for a reading and reminiscing of Ernie and helped hang the new sign.



CITY SCOOP continued



APD Crime PreventionSubmitted By Steve Sink

Burglary Prevention

Residential and commercial burglary rates have gradually decreased over the last few years due to a number of cooperative efforts by our citizens and APD. Neighborhood associations and other community groups have done a tremendous job of educating residents and supporting the concepts advocated by the Crime Prevention Unit. Consider the following information to prevent break-ins as well as ways to retrieve any lost or stolen property.

- •Establish trusted relationships with neighbors on your block. Agree to watch out for each other and report any suspicious activity in and around your home.
- •Evaluate your existing lighting and pay particular attention to access points such as entry/exit doors and windows. Make sure that each area has adequate illumination so that your neighbors can see any suspicious activity occurring on your property. Consider adding motion sensors to lights in remote areas.
- •Each door should be metal or solid core with a deadbolt lock that includes a minimum 1" throw. Short strike plate screws should be replaced with 3-4" screws that secure the plate into the doorframe. Doors should also be equipped with 180-degree eye viewers.
- •Trim all bushes and shrubs below the window level and up from the ground. Trim mature trees up to a level 6-8 feet above ground. Eliminate hiding places or areas that prohibit someone the opportunity to enter through a window without being noticed.
- •All primary window locks should be in place and fully operational. Install secondary thumbscrew locks on guide rails. Place them in a location that prohibits the window from being opened more than a few inches. Also, make sure screens are in place and secure.
- •Install screws in the upper rail of sliding glass doors. Place them just far enough into the rail to prohibit the door from being

lifted and removed. Dowel rods and "charley bars" are secondary methods to secure the door, but make sure the primary locking devise is operational.

- •Organize a Neighborhood Watch program for your block.
- Operation ID: Record the make, model, serial number, value, and any other distinguishing features of all valuable property in your home. Store this information in a secure location like a safety deposit box, with a trusted friend or family member. A video recording of the items is also recommended. Engrave a number on the back of each item that is significant to you and place the number on your record sheet (Note: Do not use your social security number to eliminate identity theft). Stolen property is often recovered and in the absence of an engraved number, you have no proof the items are yours. The recorded items can also assist with insurance claims.

If you have questions about these or any other issues, please call the APD Crime Prevention Unit at **924-3600**.

APD

Planning

Junk Car? Abandoned Car? Get Rid of It!

Junk (inoperable) Cars On Public Property

- 1. APD will verify status of vehicle within 72 hours.
- 2. If the vehicle is determined to be inoperable, after 72 hours APD will issued a 7-day RED TAG.
- 3. After 10 days, private tow will remove.*

Junk Inoperable Cars On Private Property

- 1. APD will verify status within 72 hours.
- If the vehicle is determined to be inoperable, the case will be turned over to Zoning Enforcement.
- 3. Zoning Enforcement will send a letter regarding status of vehicle to property owner.

- 4. After 7 days, Zoning Enforcement summons owner to court if no action has been taken.
- 5. Metropolitan Court sets hearing.*

Want to Report An Abandoned Car? Call 768-CARS (2277) or On-Line at http://www.cabq.gov/police/ abandonedvehicleform.html>

Abandoned Cars On Public Property

- 1. APD will verify status of vehicle within 72 hours.
- If the vehicle is determined to be abandoned, after 72 hours.
 APD will issue a 7-day RED TAG.
- 3. After 7 days, private tow will remove.*

Abandoned Cars On Private Property

- APD will verify status of vehicle within 72 hours. Each property will be assessed on a case by case basis.
- 2. APD will identify/notify property owner and vehicle if different from property owner.
- 3. APD will send certified letter regarding the status if the vehicle to the property owner.
- After 3 day, the vehicle will be red tagged, provided APD can assess the vehicle.
- 5. After 10 days, private tow will remove.*

*Please note, The above information describes the City's general procedures regarding how inoperable/abandoned vehicle reports will be addressed. However, it should be noted, that the due process requirements of the City Ordinance 8-5-2-1 et seq. must be followed in addressing these vehicles, and time frames may change.

Operable vehicles can be donated to various charities by the registered owner. Please contact the charities directly -do *not* call **768-CARS**.



CITY SCOOP continued

Unification Charter Commission 2004 COUNTY-CITY UNIFICATION

June 19 Unification Forum in North Albuquerque Acres

This summer the 11 member 2004 Unification Charter Commission is deliberating on elements of the Charter for a combined government that will be presented to voters of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County in November.

On Saturday, June 19th the Charter Commission hosts a forum to discuss both the Charter and unification impacts. The meeting will be held at the County Sheriff's Lt. Sibrava Substation in North Albuquerque Acres. The station is located at 10401 Holly NE just north of Paseo del Norte. The meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and raise issues that the staff and Commission will attempt to address in coming months.

Those interested are also invited to attend the regular meetings of the UCC. Below are dates and times of meetings and the agenda topics. Meetings are held in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center unless otherwise noted. Scheduled topics may vary. For current agendas check the website or call Sandy Chavez at 768-3147. The charter draft in process can be viewed on the Commission's website at: www.abcucc.net (or follow the link from the City or County websites).

Saturday, June 19	Unification Forum 2 -5 p.m.
	Lt. Sibrava Substation
	10401 Holly NE
	Just north of Paseo del Norte
Friday, June 25	UCC Meeting, Chambers 4-7 p.m.
	Approvals Article 3 and Discuss
	Article 9 Legislation
Monday, June 28	UCC Meeting, Chambers
	2 -5 p.m.
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Approvals Article 9 Legislation **Discuss Community Councils** and Article 6 Land Use

Friday, July 9 Location: TVI Smith-Brasher Hall 4 - 7 p.m.

Discuss and approve Article 6

Land Use

Monday, July 12 UCC Meeting, Chambers

Friday, July 23

2 - 5 p.m.

Discuss Article 11 Transition Location: TO BE ANNOUNCED Discuss and approve Article 11

Transition

Friday, August 6 **August Saturday Unification** Forum To Be Announced

Friday, August 20 **UCC Meeting, Chambers**

4 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 2 Final UCC Meeting, Chambers

4 - 7 p.m.

Public Works

Wastewater Utilities

What do storm water, restaurants, and pollution all have in common? The surface of parking lots contain motor oil (from sitting cars) cooking grease, anti-freeze, soap, and other pollutants that are carried into the storm sewer and ultimately into the Rio Grande when restaurant parking lots are washed down with hoses. In addition, some restaurants clean out their dumpsters with water and let the wastewater run into the storm drain.

Cooking grease is particularly a problem because when it runs down the street it becomes a food source for insects such as cockroaches. Grease depletes dissolved oxygen in water, which causes problems for aquatic and plant life in the Rio Grande.

What can restaurants do?

- Restaurants should sweep instead of using the hose to clean parking lots.
- Build berms to keep wastewater contained, and provide plumbing for the wastewater to be discharged into the sanitary sewer system.
- Use a professional service for cleaning parking lots, and make sure the company disposes of the wastewater in the sanitary sewer system.
- For more information on best management practices for storm water or schematics for plumbing wastewater from dumpsters and other sources of wastewater to the sanitary sewer call 768-3645.

The City of Albuquerque is focusing on pollution control efforts from industrial and construction sites, but storm water pollution can only be reduced with everyone's help. To report waste and toxic dumping call the storm water hotline at 505-768-3003.

Below is the City of Albuquerque's website with more information on managing storm water pollution:

http://www.cabq.gov/flood/swpp.html

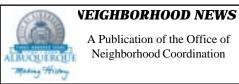


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What They Do Best - Cooking and Community Outreach

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